

# HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1012

By Winningham

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Head Coach Jim Brown and the Jackson County High School girls' basketball team upon winning the 2007-2008 TSSAA Class A State Championship.

WHEREAS, this General Assembly is pleased to specially honor and commend those successful high school athletic teams that, through their magnificent exploits, bring honor to Tennessee and serve as exceptional ambassadors of this State; and

WHEREAS, the Jackson County High School girls' basketball team is one such estimable team that recently won the 2008 Tennessee Secondary Schools Athletic Association (TSSAA) Class A Girls' Basketball State Tournament; and

WHEREAS, led by Head Coach Jim Brown, the Jackson County High School Lady Blue Devils basketball team achieved an extraordinary level of success during the 2007-2008 season, establishing an excellent record of thirty-three wins against only four losses and claiming the District 7-A title and the Region 4-A title on the road to winning the TSSAA Class A Girls' Basketball State Championship; and

WHEREAS, before reaching the post season, the Lady Blue Devils experienced many successes; they won their district with a perfect 10-0 record, won the 2007 Coca-Cola Mid South Classic Tournament, and won the 2007 Walton Sun Christmas Blowout Tournament; and

WHEREAS, after demolishing Copper Basin, 72-38, at the sectional level to advance to the state tournament, Jackson County vanquished Wartburg Central in the first round by a score of 47-34, and defeated Wayne County, 43-39, in the semi-finals to advance to the Class A State Championship final; and

WHEREAS, facing their district rival Clarkrange in the championship game, the Lady Blue Devils emerged victorious with a score of 31-30, as they won Jackson County High School's sixth girls' basketball state championship; and

WHEREAS, this herculean effort was led by Class A State Tournament All Tournament Team Members Courtney Dyer and Misti Maxwell and Tournament Most Valuable Player Laken Leonard; and

WHEREAS, this title is one of many for the skilled Head Coach Jim Brown, himself a 1988 Jackson County High School graduate. Throughout sixteen years as a basketball coach with the school, he has lead the team to five state championships, five regional championships, and nine district championships while accomplishing an impressive overall record of 377 wins against only 166 losses; and

WHEREAS, in addition to Head Coach Jim Brown's able leadership, the Lady Blue Devils benefited from the hard work and guidance of Assistant Coaches Barbara Brown, Daniel Sevier, and Emily Lane; Trainer Shawn Moffitt; and Managers Mychal Goad, Stephanie Neer, Samantha Agee, Jenna Dyer, and Britnie Bobrick; and

WHEREAS, the members of this extraordinary championship team are Amy Anderson, Sierra Bean, Emily Bowman, Talica Bowman, Courtney Crowder, Holli Daily, Courtney Dyer, Jessica Garland, Kacie Jackson, Laken Leonard, Misti Maxwell, Dannyce Shuster, Victoria Stafford, Emily Stewart, and Kelsey Young; and

WHEREAS, this remarkable team and coaching staff enjoys the support and leadership of Jackson County High School Principal James Thaxton, whose exemplary guidance is crucial in the success of all the school's endeavors; and

WHEREAS, displaying great sportsmanship and outstanding character throughout the season, the members of the Jackson County High School girls' basketball team conducted themselves in a manner appropriate to the integrity of the State of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, the dedication, determination, work ethic, and talent of this group of young women not only made possible a memorable championship season, but also surely point toward their success in every future endeavor; and

WHEREAS, the State of Tennessee takes great pride in the tremendous accomplishments of its athletic teams that have succeeded both on the court and in the classroom; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate Head Coach Jim Brown and the Jackson County High School Lady Blue Devils basketball team upon winning the 2007-2008 TSSAA Class A Girls' Basketball State Championship and wish them success in every future endeavor.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.